

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John M. Hess III et al. ) PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No.: Serial No. 09/196,301 ) SC-140US  
Filed: November 19, 1998 ) Group Art Unit: 3754  
For: A DISPENSING STRUCTURE )  
INCORPORATING A VALVE- )  
CONTAINING FITMENT FOR )  
MOUNTING TO A CONTAINER )  
AND A PACKAGE WITH A )  
DISPENSING STRUCTURE )  
Examiner: K. Bomberg )



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 1999.

An attached Response Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

Enclosed is a check for the fee for the presentation of additional claims.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 19, in line 24, change --336-- to --334--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17 and 20 as follows:

In claim 17, line 7, change "package" to --passage--.

In claim 20, line 1, change "dispensing structure" to --package--.

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<b>RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>		Docket No.:	SEA0820P0880US
Serial No.:	09/196,301	Filing Date:	November 19, 1998
Group Art Unit:	4754	Examiner:	K. Bomberg
Applicant(s):	John M. Hess III et al.		
Invention:	A DISPENSING STRUCTURE INCORPORATING A VALVE-CONTAINING FITMENT FOR MOUNTING TO A CONTAINER AND A PACKAGE WITH A DISPENSING STRUCTURE		

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDIT.FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 24	MINUS - 20	= 4	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 72.00
INDEPENDENT 5	MINUS - 4	= 1	x \$ 39.00 =	\$	x \$ 78.00 =	\$ 78.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$130.00 =	\$	+ \$260.00 =	\$
		Total Fee		\$		\$150.00

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1644 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the claim filing fee.
- A check in the amount of \$\$150.00 to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- Other: Letter to the Official Draftsperson
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1644.

Date: December 6, 1999

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 6, 1999.

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Paul M. Odell